



Administration Committee

8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 16, 2023

1207 Palm Boulevard

City Hall Council Chambers

Public Comment:

All citizens who wish to speak during the meeting must email their first and last name, address and topic to Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk, at nicoled@iop.net no later than **3:00 p.m. the day before the meeting**. Citizens may also provide written public comment here:

<https://www.iop.net/public-comment-form>

Agenda

1. **Call to order** and acknowledgment that the press and the public have been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.
2. **Citizens' Comments** – All comments have a time limit of three (3) minutes.
3. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes** – April 4, 2023 and April 18, 2023 [Pgs. 2-5]
4. **Old Business**
 - a. Interview of candidates for Planning Commission vacancy:
 - Mark Mitchell [Pg. 6]
 - Stuart Friou [Pgs. 7-8]
 - Richard Steinert [Pgs. 9-13]
 - b. Consideration of appointment to the Planning Commission
5. **New Business**
 - a. Discussion and consideration of changes to section 1-4-31 to clarify position of City Attorney and to include provisions for the appointment of City Prosecutor [Pg. 14]
 - b. Consideration of appointment of Chris Skipper as Associate Judge [Pgs. 15-21]
 - c. Consideration of nominations for the Spirit of the Island award:
 - Ted Kinghorn [Pgs. 22-25]
 - Acme Lowcountry Kitchen [Pgs. 26-29]
6. **Miscellaneous Business**

Next meeting date:
7. **Executive Session** – In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act Section 30-40-70 (1) to discuss the appointment of a candidate to the Planning Commission
8. **Adjournment**



**Administration Committee Meeting
8:30am, Tuesday, April 4, 2023
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC and
broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Present: Council members Bogosian, Pierce, and Streetman

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr, HR Officer Ladd

2. Citizen's Comments -- none

3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes – March 7, 2023

Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve, and Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

Update on Finance Director hiring and other vacancies

Administrator Fragoso said 5 interviews for the Finance Director position have been conducted, and they have invited one back for a second interview.

She also reported that the Short-Term Rental Coordinator position made the news, and as a result, the City has received numerous applications. Interviews for the second code enforcement officer position are ongoing. There are vacancies for one firefighter and one CDL position. Only 1 of 10 BSO positions have been filled today. However, Chief Cornett is conducting numerous interviews this week. Administrator Fragoso noted that the increase in the pay rate has helped.

Administrator Fragoso said staff continues to work on the job description for a Financial Analyst. The description will be discussed at the next regular Committee meeting.

5. New Business

Consideration of applications received to fill vacancy on the Planning Commission

Director Kerr said that Mr. Corney, who is the departing Commissioner, is an engineer who lives in Wild Dunes. The person selected to fill this position will be finishing out his term, which ends next year. Four additional openings will become available at the end of this year.

After some discussion, Committee members decided to hold a Special Administration Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 18 to interview the six candidates who submitted resumes for the opening on the Planning Commission.

6. Miscellaneous Business

The Administration Committee will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 to interview the candidates for the vacancy on the Planning Commission.

The next regular meeting of the Administration Committee will be Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 8:30am.

7. Adjournment

Council Member Streetman made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk



Special Administration Committee Meeting
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MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Present: Council members Bogosian, Pierce, and Streetman

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Kerr

2. Citizen's Comments

Andrew Vega, 104 Sparrow Drive, said the Planning Commission needs to be a “balanced commission and not an echo chamber.” He shared some thoughts from an article from the Harvard Business Review for Committee members to consider during their interview process for the vacancy on the Planning Commission.

3. Purpose – interview and consideration of applicants for the Planning Commission vacancy

Council Member Bogosian noted that there are additional candidates who could not be at today's meeting who would like to be interviewed for this vacancy. Those interviews will be held at a later meeting.

Mr. Tim Ahmuty believes the Planning Commission to be the blueprint that sets direction for the City Council, allowing them to make educated decisions on certain topics. His first priority is residents and their safety. He shared details of his urban planning and real estate construction background. He believes the critical parts of the Comprehensive Plan are those that deal with traffic flow and parking. He wants the city kept safe and clean, would like to have EMS on the island, and enforce the ordinances that are on the books.

Mr. Josh Hooser said he spoke with residents about the Comprehensive Plan while running for Mayor. He believes the City has mismanaged the marina and is behind when dealing with the population growth of the surrounding area. He believes the City needs to work with the neighboring communities better to solve the traffic flow issues. He has helped draft legislation on national, state, and local levels. He believes City code needs to be overhauled as there are many loopholes that allow for the building of large homes. While he believes in property rights, Mr. Hooser says the city needs to be addressed as a whole. He said the Planning Commission is a good place for ideas to be fleshed out and brought to City Council for consideration. He also believes people need to be comfortable expressing their ideas without fear of repercussion.

4. **Adjournment**

Additional candidates for this vacancy will be interviewed at the next regular Administration Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 8:30am.

Council Member Pierce made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Bogosian seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk

Application for Boards and Commissions

Applicant Name

Mark Mitchell

Position Sought

Planning Commission

Home Phone

(843) 847-7980

Work Phone

(843) 881-5600

Mobile Phone

(843) 847-7980

Email

scmitch57@gmail.com

Are you a resident of the Isle of Palms?

Yes

How many years have you lived in the Isle of Palms?

8

Address

126 Carolina Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451

Occupation and Title

Real Estate Broker in Charge

Business or Employer Name

Dunes Properties of Charleston

Have you ever served on a board or commission for the City of Isle of Palms or another local government?

No

If yes, please provide information about that service

real estate sales

Have you served as an elected official of local government?

No

Please list community and volunteer activities you may be involved in.

Adopt a Highway IOP, IOP Exchange, past parent, coach, and sponsor of IOP Recreation Dept.

Are you currently in a position of responsibility in an organization or board that has received or is seeking funding from the City of Isle of Palms? If yes, list position and date of hire.

No

State your interest in serving on this Board or Commission.

I am interested in how the Isle of Palms community evolves as a city. How we interact and partner with our neighboring communities to the benefit of our citizens and stakeholders.

Upload Résumé

Note: This is an application only and indicates your willingness to serve on an Isle of Palms Board or Commission. You will be notified when a seat is vacant and will be considered among other applicants. Final selection will be determined by the Isle of Palms City Council. Thank you for your interest in serving the Isle of Palms.

Application for Boards and Commissions

Applicant Name

stuart friou

Position Sought

Any

Home Phone

(704) 962-9583

Work Phone
Mobile Phone
Email

sfriou@keanecapital.com

Are you a resident of the Isle of Palms?

Yes

How many years have you lived in the Isle of Palms?

18

Address

40 Pelican Reach, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451

Occupation and Title

Chief Investment Officer

Business or Employer Name

Keane Capital

Have you ever served on a board or commission for the City of Isle of Palms or another local government?

No

If yes, please provide information about that service

Have you served as an elected official of local government?

No

Please list community and volunteer activities you may be involved in.

Are you currently in a position of responsibility in an organization or board that has received or is seeking funding from the City of Isle of Palms? If yes, list position and date of hire.

State your interest in serving on this Board or Commission.

I am a long time resident of Isle of Palms and am interested in becoming involved in my community as I approach retirement.

Upload Résumé

StuartFriouResume.pdf

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Stuart N. Friou

(704) 962-9583

stuartfriou@gmail.com

WORK HISTORY

2012 - Present

Chief Investment Officer

Keen Onyx Fund

New York, NY

- Founder of consumer focused equity fund using fundamental research, financial analysis and modeling with a disciplined absolute and relative valuation approach to investing
- Responsible for all aspects of the investment process including bottom-up research, stock selection, financial modeling, portfolio construction and risk management
- Investment philosophy based on buying stocks at discounts to estimates of intrinsic value based on earnings, cash flow, returns on capital and private market values

2001 - 2011

Partner/Co-Portfolio Manager

Hunter Global Investors

New York, NY

- Consumer sector head for global long/short fund with team of multiple analysts
- Senior member of investment team and involved in developing fundamental research process and valuation based investment approach
- Actively participated in initial fundraising and marketing process
- Gross exposure range \$400-600 million, net exposure 0-40%, \$300mm+ of cumulative profitability
- Original member of investment team that supported over \$1 billion in assets

1994 - 2001

Senior Analyst

James M. Myers & Company

Charlotte, NC

- Primary research responsibility for multiple companies and industry groups, including consumer, retail, industrial and financial
- Integral part of three-person research team that supported sevenfold increase in assets under management to \$700 million
- Portfolio manager for \$20 million of client assets and Co-Portfolio Manager of \$15 million hedge fund since 1996

1990 - 1991

Senior Accountant

Coopers & Lybrand

Charlotte, NC

- Active member of audit teams for financial institutions and real estate developers
- Completed public accounting requirements and obtained CPA certificate

EDUCATION

University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI

Master of Business Administration, 1994

Graduated with High Distinction (top 10% of class)

University of North Carolina

Chapel Hill, NC

B.S. in Business Administration, concentration in Accounting, 1988

Served as President of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

Application for Boards and Commissions

Applicant Name

Richard Steinert

Position Sought

Planning Commission

Home Phone
Work Phone
Mobile Phone

(704) 877-9461

Email

richardsteinert4@gmail.com

Are you a resident of the Isle of Palms?

Yes

How many years have you lived in the Isle of Palms?

4

Address

3601 Hartnett Blvd, Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451

Occupation and Title

Chemical Engineer/ Retired

Business or Employer Name
Have you ever served on a board or commission for the City of Isle of Palms or another local government?

No

If yes, please provide information about that service

Have you served as an elected official of local government?

No

Please list community and volunteer activities you may be involved in.

I served for 6 years on the board of the United Way in Salisbury North Carolina.

Are you currently in a position of responsibility in an organization or board that has received or is seeking funding from the City of Isle of Palms? If yes, list position and date of hire.

No

State your interest in serving on this Board or Commission.

Thank you for your consideration for my request to join the planning commission. While I have been living on the island full time for only 4 years, my family and I began our time on the island in 2002. At that time we purchased a condominium at Ocean Side Villas and used that for personal use as well as short term rentals for 15 years. In 2009 we purchased our current home which continued as a long term rental until our children finished University in North Carolina. In 2018 we took our JC Long home and raised it and added an additional master suite to the home. This gave me the opportunity to understand the building requirements, the codes and permitting requirements on the island. We chose not to demolish our home for a number of reasons. I was interested in retaining the character of the original home (built in 1968). I also have an interest in sustainability- by not demolishing and wasting the existing structure, we reduced the burden of waste. In addition we chose to not overbuild and have a house appropriate for a family of 4. Prior to my retirement at the end of 2021, I was the Sustainability Director for a global company. My background is as a Chemical Engineer, where I worked around the world for 37 years. In that role I worked directly with manufacturing plants, which helped develop my practical view on

construction, manufacturing and maintenance of assets. Personally I am a skilled in many home improvement projects and have studied building codes as well as electrical codes (I received licensing in NC to allow me to do home electrical work to the required codes). I have discussed joining the planning commission with David Cohen, one of the current planning commission members. I believe my experience with Isle of Palms, with building and construction requirements and my personal interest in sustainability, and home improvement would make me an asset to the planning commission

Upload Résumé

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Richard E. Steinert

Isle of Palms, SC 29451 /E-mail: richardsteinert4@gmail.com/ Cell: (704) 877-9461

Manufacturing/Supply Chain/ HSE&S Management Executive

Core Competencies:

Health Safety and Environmental Management: Oversight of manufacturing operations level, business level and corporate level HSE&S and regulatory improvement activities. Strong background in Behavior Based Safety (BBS), Process Safety Management (PSM), Sustainability and company level program management.

Manufacturing and Supply Chain Leadership: Strong track record of functional management experience in all disciplines of manufacturing operations. Developing and managing operating budgets. Spearheading of restructuring and rationalization projects of plants and operations. Initiation of optimization and improvement processes utilizing lean manufacturing and six sigma tools.

Engineering and Development Management: Oversight of business level engineering functions. Development and management of capital expenditure budgets. Oversight of process development activities covering both new products and new processing techniques.

Professional Experience:

Nouryon (Former AkzoNobel Specialty Chemicals) : Director HSE&S (10/17-12/21)

Achievements

- Established Corporate HSE&S Function for new Nouryon Specialty Chemicals organization. This center of expertise led the HSE&S function for the global organization and supports the (5) business units (prior to ISC re-organization).
- Developed HSE&S Strategy linked with the overall integrated supply chain strategy.
- Year on year improvements in injury case rates (employees and contractors) and process safety events (reduced more than 50%)
- Coordinated functional “right sizing” to align with the integrated supply chain organization changes (effective Jan 2020).

AkzoNobel Global Services: Regional Director HSE and Supply Chain- Americas (5/11-10/17)

Achievements

- HSE Americas Team: Established America’s health safety and environmental services organization supporting all AkzoNobel businesses in North and South America. Supporting approximately 70 manufacturing sites in the Americas region.
- North American Management Team: Served as integrated supply chain manager for the North American regional organization.
- Standardized Systems Implementation: Drove the program for system standardization across AkzoNobel for HSE.
- Responsible Care Management Representative to the ACC for AkzoNobel.

Richard E. Steinert

AkzoNobel Surface Chemistry Division: Director of Operations (4/08- 5/11)

Achievements

- Project Everest: Global team leader for manufacturing site separation project associated with the Henkel on-sale of the Adhesives and Electronic Materials Businesses.
- Integration Team: Served as Global team leader for manufacturing and HSE integration within the new AkzoNobel Surface Chemistry organization.
- Direct Management responsibility for Personal Care business manufacturing and supply chain organization. This included all global supply chain activities (tollers, warehousing, distribution, manufacturing).

National Starch and Chemical Corporation: (7/85- 4/08)

Director of Operations: SPG Division and Salisbury Site (5/05- 4/08)

Post Sale of Vinamul Polymers Division, took over as the Manufacturing Director for the Specialty Polymers Group (SPG) of National Starch and Chemical.

Achievements:

- Responsibility over Specialty Polymers Group (SPG) which included (7) manufacturing sites globally, revenues of approximately \$500MM and approximately 750 personnel.
- Celanese Work Stoppage: Coordinated NSC response to Celanese work stoppage which risked NSC business. This represented an 8 month coordinated effort to protect business from damage.
- Implemented \$30 Million in capital expansion projects, which expanded manufacturing capacity, and reduced manufacturing costs for (2) separate divisions by approximately 15percent.
- Operations Leadership Team: Served as SPG representative on the ICI Global Operations Leadership Team. Helped implement multiple improvements in personnel capability and talent development, as well as Cost Reduction/ Capacity maximization projects
- Conducted Lever 1 Studies in conjunction with ATKearny.

Director of Operations: Vinamul Polymers Division and Salisbury Site (7/02- 5/05)

Multi-plant Manufacturing Responsibility: Salisbury, NC, Meredosia, Ill. and Woodruff, SC. Served on business divestiture team, and coordinated all site separation projects and service agreements as part of the business sale.

Achievements:

- Responsibility over Vinamul Polymers North American manufacturing which included (3) manufacturing sites, revenues of approximately \$700MM and approximately 700 personnel.

Site Manager: Salisbury, NC (5/01-7/02)

Management of multi-divisional manufacturing site. Responsible for all aspects of the facility including: Safety, Health, Environmental, Community affairs, HR, Process Development, Engineering, Manufacturing, Accounting, Procurement, Maintenance.

Meredosia, Illinois Polymer and Adhesive Plant (3/98-5/01)

Production Manager/ Turnaround Project Coordinator. Responsibilities including:

Site Personnel Safety, Maintenance and Engineering Coordination, Production Coordination between (8) manufacturing departments. Supervision of (3) Production Superintendents, (9) Line Supervisors and (6) Chemical Engineers

Richard E. Steinert

National Starch and Chemical S.p.A. (2/95-3/98)

Plant Manager of Mezzago, Italy Adhesive Manufacturing Plant: Largest European Adhesives
 Operation Responsibilities: Site responsibility for all operations, including personnel, safety,
 product quality, production. This role included responsibilities for the joint venture facility in
 Saudi Arabia.

Prior Positions: Production Superintendent: Woodruff SC (1/91-2/95), Department Manager Woodruff,
 SC (9/89-1/91), Plant Supervisor: Atlanta Ga. (3/86-9/89), Production Engineer: Plainfield NJ (7/85-3/86)

Education

May 1985	Rutgers University, New Brunswick N.J. Bachelor of Science Chemical Engineering Summa Cum Laude
May 1990	Mercer University, Atlanta Georgia Masters of Business Administration (Finance)

Sec. 1-4-31. Appointments; duties.

~~The City Council shall appoint retain a City Attorney, who shall serve at the pleasure of Council. The City Attorney may be an individual or law firm. The Any lawyer(s) serving as City Attorney shall be admitted to practice law in the State South Carolina and shall be a members of the South Carolina Bar in good standing. The City Attorney shall be legal counsel to the City and shall perform such other duties as may be required by law or ordinance. City Council may retain separate legal counsel to serve as City Prosecutor, who shall serve at the pleasure of Council. The City Prosecutor shall be admitted to practice law in South Carolina and shall be a member of the South Carolina Bar in good standing. The term of office for the City Attorney shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of each year. The appointment for each year will be announced by the Mayor at a special City Council meeting to be held on the first Tuesday of January.~~

The City Attorney shall have authority to retain, appoint or hire as independent contractors such additional attorneys or co-counsel as may be required to provide adequate and effective legal representation for the City, subject to the approval of City Council. Any such additional attorneys or co-counsel shall be admitted to practice law in ~~the State~~South Carolina and, shall be members of the South Carolina Bar in good standing, ~~and shall perform their functions under the direction of the City Attorney. An assistant attorney shall have authority to act as the City Attorney when the City Attorney is unavailable or unable to serve. If the representation concerns matters pending in another state, any such additional attorneys or co-counsel shall be licensed to practice law in that state and a member of that state's bar in good standing.~~

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FAX (866) 286-7177

April 27, 2023

The Honorable Amy Lee
Clerk of Court
City of Isle of Palms Municipal Court

Via email: amyw@iop.net

RE: Associate Municipal Court Judge Position, RFP 2023-02

Dear Mrs. Lee:

Please allow this letter to inform you of my interest in the position of Isle of Palms Associate Municipal Court Judge. I believe I possess the experience, skills, knowledge and reputation to effectively serve in the position.

I have had the pleasure of serving as the Isle of Palms City Prosecutor for the past Eleven (11) years and am proud of the work accomplished over that time. Additionally, I have served as a Municipal Judge for the City of Folly Beach for Eleven (11) years. I am very familiar with the issues that come before the Municipal Court and that are particular to an island community.

Attached please find my resume and specific responses to the items contained in the RFP. I appreciate your consideration and remain,

Sincerely,



Christopher A. Skipper

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Enclosure

PROPOSAL RESPONSES

1. Description of Experience and Qualifications

- a. Education:
 - i. B.A. Political Science, College of Charleston (1993)
 - ii. J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law (1996)
- b. Employment:
 - i. Skipper Law Firm LLC (2004 – present)
 - ii. City of Isle of Palms City Prosecutor (2012 – present)
 - iii. Town of Folly Beach Municipal Judge (2012 – present)
- c. Professional Organizations:
 - i. South Carolina Bar
 - ii. Charleston County Bar
- d. Bar Number:
 - i. 12212
- e. Resume:
 - i. Please see attachment

2. Experience with Municipal Law

I began working for a law firm on Broad Street in 1990 during my sophomore year at the College of Charleston. I had some prior experience in a law firm setting from working for my step-father's firm as a runner in high school. His practice was primarily real estate based. The law firm in Charleston was different with a large portion of the practice dedicated to criminal work and a substantial amount of that work in the various municipal courts throughout the area. I regularly attended Municipal Court in various roles until working as an Assistant Solicitor in Berkeley County upon graduation from law school. I opened my practice in April 2004 and much of my practice has been in the area Municipal Courts since then. That increased even further in 2012 when I became a City Prosecutor and Municipal Judge.

3. Capability

I attended the South Carolina Judge School in the summer of 2012 and received my certification as a Municipal Judge on August 9, 2012. I have presided over approximately 26 sessions of Municipal Court annually for the past 11 years. Additionally, I have tried cases as a prosecutor, defense attorney and Judge.

4. Judicial Philosophy

Municipal and Magistrate Courts are the primary contacts that most citizens will have with the judicial system. We see more citizens than any other court. We have a responsibility to the City, residents and visitors to try to make fair, reasonable decisions and dispense justice in a manner that is respectful to each person appearing in court. I grew up in a beach community and believe it is critical to the long-term success of the community and special environment of the island to pay particular attention to the issues and problems that come with a transient, tourist driven and seasonal population.

5. Philosophy on Fines

The State of South Carolina provides guidelines and recommendations for the imposition of fines on the various offenses that come before the Municipal Court. Those provide a valuable reference to law enforcement upon issuance of citations. Some fines are specifically set while others allow for adjustment depending on the specific circumstances of the matter and individual. In addition to the guidelines and statutory provisions, I take into consideration the offense, any known prior history, acceptance of responsibility for the conduct, the manner the individual interacted with law enforcement, the manner the individual conducts himself/herself in court, input of the City representative (officer/prosecutor), victim statement (restitution), any prior history of non-payment and individual circumstances of the defendant prior to making a determination on the imposition of a fine. Certainly, repeat offenders warrant fines on the upper end of the statutory range.

6. Letters of Recommendation

Please see attachment

7. Compensation

I believe compensation for the position should be based on the time required to properly perform requirements of the job and equivalent to comparable positions in the local area municipalities. With the backlog created by Covid shutdowns, increase in workload seen on the island post-Covid and anticipated with recent ordinance discussion, I suspect we will need an increase in time commitment and services dedicated to the Municipal Court to keep pace and move cases in a timely manner.

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EXPERIENCE

Skipper Law Firm LLC
April 2004-present
Criminal Defense, Personal Injury and Workers' Compensation Law

City of Folly Beach
March 2012-present
Associate and Chief Judge Municipal Court

City of Isle of Palms
April 2012-present
City Prosecutor

McAngus, Goudelock & Courie, LLC
February 2003—March 2004
Workers' Compensation Insurance Defense

Charleston County Solicitor's Office
October 1999—January 2003
Assistant Solicitor

Parsons & Ouverson, PA
January 1999—September 1999
Civil Litigation and Real Estate Law

Berkeley County Solicitor's Office
January 1997—December 1998
Assistant Solicitor

EDUCATION

University of South Carolina School of Law
Juris Doctor, 1996

College of Charleston
B. A. in Political Science, 1993

Elizabeth Spencer Wetmore
 District No. 115 - Charleston County
 P. O. Box 1085
 Folly Beach, SC 29439



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 Columbia, SC 29201

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**House of
 Representatives**
 State of South Carolina

April 28, 2023

Ms. Desiree Fragoso
 City Administrator, City of Isle of Palms
 1207 Palm Boulevard
 Isle of Palms, SC 29451

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Chris Skipper as Associate Judge for Isle of Palms Municipal Court

Dear Ms. Fragoso,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Chris Skipper for the position of Associate Judge for the Isle of Palms Municipal Court. As you know, before leaving to serve in the South Carolina House, I was the City Administrator for the City of Folly Beach. Chris served as a Municipal Judge for the City of Folly Beach when I became the City Administrator in 2014 and continues to serve today with great distinction. I had the opportunity to watch his work closely and communicate with the various parties who regularly appeared before him. He has a rare quality of being loved by officers, attorneys, and staff. He was courteous and fair to the prosecution, defendants, officers, witnesses and any others appearing in the court room. He exhibited a knowledge of the applicable law and fairly dispensed justice on behalf of the citizens of Folly Beach in an efficient and fair manner. Being an attorney as well, I can also say that he has an excellent reputation in the Charleston legal community.

As you are well aware, beach communities like Folly Beach and the Isle of Palms often deal with specific types of issues particular to the being a tourist destination. Chris exhibited the ability to manage the courtroom and handle all issues regardless of the size of the docket. He worked efficiently while still protecting the rights of each individual litigant appearing before him. I highly recommend him for the Associate Judge position at Isle of Palms.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call (843) 693-8292.

Sincerely yours,

Spencer Wetmore



City of Folly Beach

Aaron Pope, AICP
PO Box 48
Folly Beach, SC 29439

4/27/23

Desiree Fragoso
1207 Palm Boulevard
Isle of Palms, SC 29451

Desiree:

Chris Skipper has served the City of Folly Beach as both Associate Judge (2012-2019) and as Chief Judge (2019-present). I have known him and observed his work through my interactions with the court in varying capacities during my tenure with the City. This includes experience with court operations as Zoning Administrator, Business License Official, Deputy Administrator, and City Administrator.

His time at Folly Beach has provided direct, relevant experience in a tourist destination with transient visitors whose "vacation behaviors" may place them in front of the court. In all instances, I have found Judge Skipper to be fair-minded and even tempered. His exchanges with all parties during court sessions have been civil. His rulings have demonstrated a command not only of the letter of the law, but the spirit of regulations. I believe he is well suited to the difficult task of balancing punitive rulings with compassion and acknowledgment of mitigating circumstances.

I do not hesitate to recommend him for the Associate Judge position at Isle of Palms and am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Aaron Pope, AICP

918 White Marlin Drive
Charleston, SC 29412
May 1, 2023

Destree Fragoso
City Administrator
City of Isle of Palms
1207 Palm Boulevard
Isle of Palms, SC 29451

RE: Christopher Skipper

Destree,

I had the privilege of working as the Clerk of Court for Chris Skipper when he became the Associate Judge for the City of Folly Beach in March 2012 through my departure in March 2018.

In that time, I watched Judge Skipper develop into a thoughtful, deliberate, and balanced judge who sought to understand all sides of a case before rendering a verdict. He applied the law evenly and fairly. In my opinion, no one could have left the courtroom without knowing the reasoning for Judge Skipper's outcome. He was intentional in his methods of clarifying the applicable aspects of the law to lawyers, defendants, and law enforcement.

As you know, he has a pleasant, even, and respectful demeanor. I have never known him to display anything but a calm disposition in the courtroom. He was always clear in helping me understand his needs for the courtroom and in explaining aspects of my job as I was still a fairly new clerk when he joined Folly Beach. Most importantly, he helped me recognize the boundaries of my job to protect the integrity of the court.

The citizens of the City of Isle of Palms would benefit from the fairness, impartiality, and deep knowledge of the law Judge Skipper brings with him. I cannot think of a better candidate for Associate Judge (and hopefully one day, Chief Judge) for the City of Isle of Palms than Chris Skipper.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts about one of the finest people I know.

Sincerely,



Nicole L. DeNeane
former Clerk of Court, City of Folly Beach
current City Clerk, City of Isle of Palms



Spirit of the Island Award

The Spirit of the Island Award is a prestigious award that recognizes an individual or an organization who have made significant contributions to the life and wellbeing of the Isle of Palms. This award will recognize an individual or organization's remarkable single achievement or community service and volunteerism.

Nomination Application

Date of Submission: April 15, 2023

Nominee Information

Full Name: EDWARD J. (TED) KINGHORN

Name as it is to appear on Award: TED KINGHORN

Street Address: 412 Merritt Blvd City, State, Zip Isle of Palms, SC 29457

Phone Number: 703/203-1238 Email: kinghorn.ted@gmail.com

Nominator's Information

Full Name: JAMES C. (JIM) THOMPSON

Organization Name: _____

Address: 12 Fairway Village Lane City, State, Zip Isle of Palms, SC 29457

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 Res. " " 843/242-8159

Please include the Biographical Summary and Letters of Recommendation with the application.

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Linda Lovvorn Tucker

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February 27, 2023

City of Isle of Palms
Post Office Box 508
1207 Palm Boulevard
Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451

Dear Mayor and City Council:

This letter is a recommendation for Ted Kinghorn as a recipient of the Spirit of the Island Award. Ted Kinghorn is a visionary. He has a talent for seeing the long view, and is often ahead of his time. He has the ability to garner consensus among people for the common good. For those of us lucky enough to live in his aura, we are always challenged to be better by his ideas.

I have watched Ted's success in political arenas, community arenas, business arenas and with friends and family. He parlayed his political experience into a successful business and then has spent years since that time giving back to the community through service on City Council, membership in the Exchange Club, continuing to promote and support the Liberty Fellowship and, most recently, by the creation of the Law Enforcement Neighborhood Support (LENS) Foundation on the Isle of Palms.

Ted Kinghorn always stays current without sacrificing history or legacy. He was one of the first to suggest streamlining some processes of the city when he was on City Council. He introduced the idea of using Dashboards to summarize and convey City information.

Even in the face of adversity and criticism, Ted will push forward when he is committed to that which he believes is for the greater good. This is very evident in improvements to the Exchange Club relationships and the physical property. While some ideas may be ahead of their time, he plants seeds of inspiration that ultimately come to fruition at a later time.

For those who choose to join him in life's path, he becomes "that person." He is that person who sends the text of "congratulations" or "got your back" just when you need it. He is that person who shows up with popcorn or coffee just because. He is that person who sees something beautiful and wants to share it with others. He is that person who will step into your life rather than requiring you to step into his. He is smart, thoughtful, mischievous and creative.

Ted Kinghorn is not about claiming the spotlight for himself. He is about shining light on fresh ideas and working smart to transform those ideas into realities. He is a person of character, accomplishment and makes significant contributions to the Spirit of the Island. He is worthy of receiving this honor, and I proudly join in recommending him.

Very truly yours,


Linda Lovvorn Tucker

4/14/2023

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to offer a recommendation for the recipient of the 2023 Spirit of the Island Award. I feel that Ted Kinghorn embodies what this award is all about. Having known Ted for several years, I can say that his sense of community involvement, desire to help people and deliver a lasting, positive and generational impact on the community is unparalleled. Many times we have enjoyed lunch or meetings with clients and the number one topic of discussion is giving back to the Isle of Palms community.

Ted is involved in so many aspects of community life, that listing them would be difficult. While his work throughout the island is impressive, the achievement that impressed me the most is his development of the Isle of Palms LENS Program. In his role as "The LENS Whisperer" an increasing number of island residents, on island business associates and law enforcement professionals have received help in getting through tough times. I can speak to this personally, as LENS was one of the first organizations to step in and help one of my associates who was faced with homelessness and heavy financial burdens. The associate is now doing well and genuinely appreciates the help that was given.

Thank you for considering Ted for this important award. Please reach out to me should you like to speak further or if any other information is required.

Thank you!

Best regards,

Dennis McLendon

Harris Teeter

Store Director, Store 452

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From: Anne Kinghorn atkinghorn@gmail.com
Subject: Ted bio info
Date: Feb 5, 2023 at 10:06:21 AM
To: Jim Thompson jimthompson83@gmail.com

this is a rough draft. Not sure if too much info. Please feel free to edit. I will not be insulted at all

Thanks Jim

Edward J Kinghorn

Graduated with masters degree in Public Administration from U of South Carolina. He was working for the Municipal Association of South Carolina in Columbia when he received a call from Senator Strom Thurmond's office with a job offer. Ted moved to Virginia and worked as head of Constituent Services for Senator Thurmond. He married his college sweetheart, Anne, and together they raised 3 daughters.

After several years on Capital Hill, Ted opened his own Consulting firm in Washington DC serving mostly SC clients.

Volunteerism is something Ted has been involved in his whole life. He was an active volunteer in Virginia and that continued when he and Anne moved to Isle of Palms.

Ted served on City Council and was active in the Exchange Club. His newest passion is for the Law Enforcement Neighborhood Support (LENS) program. The LENS program aims to provide law enforcement with support to strengthen community relations and improve public safety on IOP.



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Nomination Application

Date of Submission: 5-5-23

Nominee Information

Full Name: Acme Lowcountry Kitchen

Name as it is to appear on Award: ACME Lowcountry Kitchen

Street Address: 31 JC Long Blvd City, State, Zip: Isle of Palms, SC 29451

Phone Number: 843 886-3474 Email: ACMELOWCOUNTRYKITCHEN.COM

Nominator's Information

Full Name: James M Ward

Organization Name: JAMES M WARD, CPA

Address: 2207 HARTNETT BLVD City, State, Zip: Isle of Palms, SC 29451

Phone Number: 843 886-6318 E-mail: CGRASPOTPLAYR@AOL.COM

Please include the Biographical Summary and Letters of Recommendation with the application.

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Letter of Recommendation-Spirit of the Island Award For Acme Lowcountry Kitchen

I recommend, Isle of Palms restaurant, Acme Lowcountry Kitchen be awarded the City of Isle of Palms Spirit of the Island Award.

In the aftermath of the ugly incidents on our beach April 7, 2023, Acme stepped up and offered free meals to all first responders in their excellent restaurant here on Isle of Palms. It was truly a remarkable display of generosity and appreciation by Acme to our community. This was not the first time this company has come forward to support us in an extraordinary manner, since it opened for business in January 2008. Acme has always offered generous discounts to Isle of Palms city employees. On special occasions and holidays Acme has provided free desserts and other goodies to our public safety building. They were especially helpful to the entire island community during the COVID 19 pandemic. Acme is a well respected member of our business community.

I urge the mayor and personnel committee to approve Acme Lowcountry Kitchen recipient of the City of Isle of Palms Spirit of the Island Award, without delay. Acme certainly meets all the qualifications of the honor, as detailed. I also request the presentation of the award take place in city council chambers during the next regular city council meeting. Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

James M Ward

May 5, 2023

RE: Spirit of the Island Award

I would like to recommend Acme Lowcountry Kitchen for the Spirit of the Island Award. Acme does so much for the island community and always looks for ways to help. When the island has major storms and power outages, Acme will cook food and give it to residents and first responders. After the latest shooting near the pier, Acme offered free meals to first responders. They are always thinking of ways to reward and appreciate all of their customers and you get the feeling of 'home' when eating at Acme.

Sincerely,
Tracy Moses
19 Yacht Harbor Court

From: jimmy.jimmycarroll.com
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Spirit of the Island Award
Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 9:04:37 AM

[EXTERNAL]

It's come to my attention that the owners of the Acme Lowcountry Kitchen have been nominated for the Spirit of the Island Award. During my 10 years serving the island, the owners of the Acme Lowcountry Kitchen, Bobby Simons and Roger Tully have always been there helping our public safety personnel with huge discounts on their daily meals year round. But it doesn't stop there, when I first started serving our community in 2012, several island residents, Dudley Spangler and myself started organizing a Thanksgiving Day meal, while the rest of us spent time with our families, they were protecting us. On July 4th, we'd cook hotdogs and hamburgers, and Acme was always the only restaurant to bring more dishes, without having to ask. After this past April 7th's events, they offered a free meal to any public safety personnel, both from our island and to those who came to assist, a free meal. To me, that is what community is all about.

Yes, there are others that deserve this, Toby Van Buren, who avoids attention, yet quietly under the radar comes out and picks up trash from our marshes, even going to the point of making hand made signs saying "Please don't litter". He is a well educated man, yet made his living crabbing, oystering, and clamming. He loves our marshes and wants them kept clean. At another time, please consider Harris Teeter who always gives our fire department discounts on their daily food purchases, and yes, actually cooks my annual turkey for our public safety department personnel and then, donates a lot more. They gave our fire department a key to the store in case there was a Hurricane and our public safety personnel needed supplies.

We are lucky to have such fine businesses and people who give back to our city employees, but never recognized. Tonight, please award the Acme Lowcountry Kitchen with this Spirit of the Island Award.

Thank you, Jimmy Carroll